Dear Jim, Jimmy, Freed, Lane and the Committee's Memphis flap 11/24/76

As you will see I'm very sorry you did not heed my adviace and direct the warden not to give Jimmy any press or related contacts except through you. It has happened, after you cautioned Jimmy, and it has been bad.

My information comes from Don Newhall of Zodiac who got it from Freed's ecstatic boasting.

Of all people Jimmy sent Freed the clipping on the destruction of the intelligence-unit files. He did not send it to us but he did to Freed after, long after, you cautioned him against any contact with Freed. That was a September story.

Freed sent it to Lane. Lane gave it to the committee. It is, I think conspicuous that

a) the committee did not check this with us and
b) it undermines you with the committee relative to Jimmy.

Now you know the source of Ozer's slurring questions.

This ought not be permitted to happen again. It is not helpful to us, the committee or to the establishing of truth.

It is unhelpful to your representation of Jimmy.

It is bound to convince the committee that except for you Jimmy will blabm to it. In turn this means much more pressure to that and related ends

It represents a very bad situation, a continuing unethical one for Lane who has an indirect contact with Jimmy when as a lawyer he knows it is wrong. If you have not written the NY bar I think you should include this indirect contact, too. It is the initial approach and Lane and Freed are colleagues in more than Executive Action (which would not be inappropriate as an inclusion).

There simply is no way of controlling the flipped-out Jimmy through Jimmy. It has to be done by enforced prohibition. The hell with what jimmy thinks or like, rational or not. His interest is what counts and he continued to do only what will hurt it, as this does, seriously.

It was all read and will be used at some point in court. Against him.

If there has not been more already there will be, if not on Jimmy's initiative then by straight reporters when Freed's boasting gets to them or on their own, more after Sprague's speech yesterday. There are the scandal sheets and all the irresponsible magazines and all those longing to see their names in print anywhere and claim to be writers or who are those specializing in the sensational publications.

I fear the potential now that we know Jimmy paid no attention to you, that after this warning about Freed he had anything to do with him and all those associated with the Lane/Freed cabal who can write if he stops writing Freed. We know that NBC has offered $10,000 and that Dan Rather wants an interview. It really has to be stopped, unpleasant as it will be and as Jimmy will take it. If he were not irrational his desparation and dismay would drive him to more and none of it has ever been other than bad. Jerry may even have put a bug in his ear. For $10,000 it is hard for a Jerry to resist particularly because of his childish views on such matters.

I hope you agree.

Best,